

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claim 18 are amended.

Applicants' appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 1-17 are allowed, and that claim 19 contains allowable subject matter.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The specification is amended to obviate this objection.

The Office Action rejects under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,640,241 to Ogawa and claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ogawa. Claim 18 is amended to obviate this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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